



## Recommendation for Action

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### **Posting Language**

Authorize the negotiation and execution of a one-year contract with the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition to provide consulting and other services related to the City's Strategic Housing Blueprint goals for permanent supportive housing and Continuum of Care units in an amount not to exceed \$306,000.

### **Lead Department**

Housing and Planning Department.

### **Fiscal Note**

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Operating Budget of the Austin Housing Finance Corporation.

### **For More Information:**

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### **Additional Backup Information:**

If approved, the Austin Housing Finance Corporation (AHFC) would be authorized to execute an agreement with the Ending Community Homelessness Coalition in the amount of \$306,000 to provide consultant services. The agreement will focus on two key areas: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreements with developers applying for Rental Housing Development Assistance (RHDA) program funds and landlord outreach.

AHFC intends for the MOU to be an important part of the RHDA application process. The MOU will include the location of the property, the number of dedicated Continuum of Care (CoC) units, and the CoC tenant screening criteria (income, rental history, credit history and criminal background). The MOU will also outline processes and timelines for occupying CoC units both at development lease-up and then through unit turnover. Landlord outreach is another important and vital service in the community and ensures that CoC clients have access to diverse and appropriate housing throughout the City. In addition to these deliverables, ECHO shall also provide reports, such as the Housing Inventory Count (HIC), and other key data points.

### **Source of Funding**

Housing Trust Fund